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## **HB 5290 AN ACT SUNSETTING THE HIGHWAY USE TAX**

Dear Members of The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I am writing today to express my **SUPPORT** for HB 5290. This bill is calling for the sunseting of the Highway Use Tax.

The CT HUT should be abolished for the following reasons:

1. The tax exacerbates the already burdened trucking industry due to large inflationary costs on fuel, labor & parts.
2. This tax is very costly to administer and small business owners are forced to dedicate personal and considerable amount of time into the tracking and payment of this tax
3. Self-reporting results in widespread evasion due to the State's limited enforcement ability. Out-of-State companies will not participate
4. Local CT companies are the ones that will bear the brunt of the tax
5. CT Residents will ultimately pay this tax with an increase in the cost of goods
6. The State of CT received **\$5 Billion** in transportation funds from the Federal government after this HUT Tax was passed.

Please do the right thing and help support HB 5290 and PLEASE HELP REPEAL THIS UNFAIR TRUCK TAX!!

Thank you,

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